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SUBJECT: NEW ASEAN SEC GEN INSTATED; U.S. COOPERATION ABSENT FROM HIGHLIGHTS

¶1. (U) Dr. Surin Pitsuwan replaced outgoing Secretary General Ong Keng Yong as leader of the ASEAN Secretariat in an official ceremony on January 7 in Jakarta. Dr. Surin pledged to continue to advance ASEAN's goals of creating a single market, narrowing the development gap, and promoting a peaceful and prosperous Southeast Asia. Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda spoke about the need for member countries to embrace the ASEAN Charter and for member country citizens to share a common ASEAN identity. Jacky Foo, Director General for ASEAN in the Singaporean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, closed the ceremony by presenting Singapore's Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN Charter to Dr. Surin.

¶2. (U) Although Secretary General Ong raised the anniversary of the U.S.-ASEAN dialogue in his remarks, he and the other speakers did not include the U.S. among their several examples of cooperation with dialogue partners. Ong highlighted areas of collaboration with ASEAN's other dialogue partners, including progress on ASEAN's FTAs with Korea, Japan, India, Australia, New Zealand and the EU.

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